



THE LYNCHERS WERE CONVICTED

A New Departure in Virginia Criminal Justice. First Case on Record Here.

Six Men Found Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree.—Their Victim Almost An Idiot.

NOTEWORTHY OUTCOME OF THE LYNCHING OF LEE PUCKETT A YEAR
AGO IN PATRICK COUNTY.—THE GUILTY MEN BROUGHT TO BAR
AND CONVICTED.

STUART, VA., July 1.—(Special).—The trial of C. T. Thompson, L. D. McMillon, Jr., Madison Montgomery, Jr., Hie Montgomery, Robert Montgomery, and W. M. Branch, for the lynching of Lee Pickett, a white man, charged with a criminal assault upon a young lady, began in the County Court here Thursday morning and ended this morning.

Mr. J. M. Hooker, the Commonwealth's Attorney, was assisted by Judge P. W. Shelor for the prosecution. The defendants were represented by Messrs. Hairston & Gravelly and S. A. Thompson.

A DISCHARGED LUNATIC.

The evidence was conclusive that the parties charged are guilty. The young lady testified that she was not hurt and Pickett did not accomplish his felonious purpose.

It was in evidence that Pickett, the man who was lynched, was a discharged lunatic and almost an idiot. It was a hard-fought trial; every inch of ground was contested.

At the conclusion of the argument the jury retired, and in thirty minutes returned with a verdict of murder in the second degree, and fixed the punishment of Thompson at six years in the penitentiary and the others at five.

THE FIRST INSTANCE IN VIRGINIA.

This is the first instance in the history of Virginia where lynchers have ever been tried and convicted. And it is a great victory for law and order.

Commonwealth's Attorney Hooker's speech was a masterly effort, and was complimented by everybody. The result of this trial was brought about by his untiring energy, and the victory was won in the face of public sentiment and the vigorous efforts of some few prominent citizens in behalf of the defendants.—DISPATCH.

Killed Her Baby.

The daily papers have been giving much space to the case of Lizzie Miller (white) who claims as her husband, Jarrar O. Ellis.

It seems that while at the Windsor Hotel in this city, she administered to her 16-month-old baby a dose of laudanum, which ended its earthly career. She claims to have taken a dose herself with the idea of ending her existence.

Be that as it may, she did not die, but the baby did and on Wednesday, June 28th, she was arrested upon a charge of murder and will be tried next week in the Hustings Court of this city.

It now transpires that she had never been married, that her parents reside in Farmville, and that she did for some time live there with Ellis as man and wife. It seems out of the question that her people did not know the true facts in this case.

Although she declared repeatedly that she was married at Weldon, N. C., it was proven that she was not married there.

Her mother is now here and will remain during her trial. There is but little prospect of her conviction for murder.

Quite a number of young people led by Miss Leah Williams, daughter of Mr. Achilles Williams, 802 St. Paul St., led a surprise on the children of the Friends Orphan Asylum.

ODD FELLOWS IN CONFERENCE.

Enthusiastic Mass-Meeting Held.—Delegates from Ten Lodges Present.—Several Short Speeches Made.

At the New Odd Fellows' Hall, Friday evening, June 30th, members of the G. U. O. of O. F., assembled in Mass-meeting. M. V. P., R. Beecher Taylor President, called the meeting to order. After singing, "Blest be the tie that binds," prayer was offered by P. N. F., James Woodson, Vice-President.

The secretary read the object of the meeting after which the President in a few words opened the subject for general discussion, "A closer union of the Brotherhood and its benefits."

He said a closer union was needed to increase the interest of the order and develop its strength. We cannot hope to have the order prosper, divided. We need to concentrate the forces of experience and proficiency that its harmony and prosperity may be maintained and perpetuated.

The following brethren made short speeches which were full of interest and advice: Brothers Richard Evans, Jas. Woodson, Junius Smith, Lieut. Thomas Williams of the Patriarch, G. W. Curtis, W. H. Tyler, Morton Deane, Grand Treasurer S. J. Gilpin and R. O. King.

Subject for discussion at next meeting is "The Past Benefits of the Order, its Present Condition and Future Possibilities." M. V. P. Morton Deane will open the discussion followed by different members of the fraternity.

The next meeting will take place Monday, July 31st, New Odd Fellows' Hall.

FROM FULTON.

On the Fourth, all of the factories and public works were closed and the majority of Fultonians spent a most enjoyable day. Many fire-works were exhibited in the suburbs in the evening.

Rev. A. Ferguson administered the Lord's Supper at 3:30 P. M., last Sunday. At 8 P. M., his pulpit was filled by Rev. Gabriel Johnson, who preached a good sermon.

Rev. Mr. Cosby filled the pulpit at the Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 8 P. M. He preached a most inspiring sermon, one which will long be remembered.

Rev. F. W. Williams will administer the Lord's Supper next Sunday at 3:30 P. M.

Miss C. V. Dyer visited the Rising Mt. Zion Sunday School last Sabbath morning and delivered some most timely remarks. The Sunday School hopes to meet her again in its assembly.

We are glad to note that Miss Frances Hubbard is out again.

Don't fail to go to Hampton on the 31st, with the Rising Mt. Zion and Mt. Calvary Baptist Churches. A pleasant time both on the road and in Hampton is guaranteed to all who will go.

Mrs. W. A. Hankins is spending the summer at Smithville, Va.

Grand Time at Price's Hall.

A large excursion from Portsmouth, Va., will reach here Monday next. Fine exercises will be held at Price's Hall, Monday night. Editor John Mitchell, Jr., will deliver an address and present a gold medal on the part of the young man went home, rallied his friends about him and promptly asserted his innocence. He and his friends then went to Washington and it was then and there proven beyond any controversy that he was innocent of the charge and that it was a case of mistaken identity.

This shows what a dangerous thing it is for men to take the law into their own hands. This young man has been subjected to an indignity from which he will never recover, and it is lucky for him that he was not deprived of his

life. The same spirit that cowed him would, under increased provocation, have lynched him, and no innocent life would have been sacrificed to the fury of the mob. Such things have occurred.—June 27.

—Mrs. Jesse Scruggs and children left the city last Wednesday for Salisbury, Md., to spend the summer.

—State Director Cecilia J. Smith wish to thank the many friends for kindness to her daughter, Nina, while sick in Suffolk.

—Mrs. Nannie Johnson has recovered from her recent indisposition.

—Miss Sadie Farley, daughter of Mr. J. C. Farley is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Eggleston in Baltimore.

—Mrs. Sarah Trent, who has been spending some time in Baltimore, Md., has returned home.

—Mrs. M. M. Bunn has been indisposed at her residence, 408 Gilmer St., during the past ten days.

—Miss Lizzie Dodson, of Washington, D. C., spent a pleasant 4th of July in this city, visiting her sister, Mrs. R. A. Jackson, and other friends.

—Miss Mary M. Scott, of 107 West Leigh St., has been quite indisposed for the past three weeks. We are pleased to learn that she is convalescent.

—Mrs. Autumn Burrell, of New York City, was in the city to the marriage of her sister.

—Mrs. E. J. Crane is visiting her mother and relatives in the south.

—Master Robert Lewis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lewis of north 7th St., has returned to the city, much improved under the treatment of Drs. Wayson and Brock at Clifton Forge, Va.

—Miss Rosa Archer is still confined to her bed at Miss Bettie Mason at 10 E. Duval St.

—Mrs. Matilda Hart left the city this week for Fivanna Co., Va.

—Mr. John Clinton, Jr., left Tuesday, 4th inst., for Alexandria, Va., to serve on the U. S. Grand Jury, the term of which commenced last Wednesday.

—Don't forget! Don't forget! The First Baptist Sunday School Excursion Picnic at Mt. Pleasant Tuesday, July 11th.

—Mr. W. J. Trent, of Philadelphia, in company with Mr. S. A. Moses called on us.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mabrey of Charlottesville, Va., is in the city and called on us.

—Rev. W. J. Howard, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., was in the city this week and called on us. He paid his subscription to the Planet. He subscribes to and pays for twelve other race journals. This is a fine showing.

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MAGNO'S MESSAGE.

Last Sunday was most pleasantly spent by all classes in the ward. The churches were well attended.

The Sunday School Union at the Moore St. Baptist Church was very interesting. The recitations, solos, duets and quartettes were fine.

Fourth of July was very lively spent. Fire crackers cannon crackers and all other forms of gunpowder were used in its celebration, although the arrests for misdemeanor were few.

The funeral of Mrs. Miller of Webster St., took place at the Ebenezer Baptist Church on July 4th. It was the largest procession had been in the ward lately.

We are informed that "Sunnyside" has been resurrected and has taken unto himself a better half. He was in the city this week. It is said we shall hear from him again.

Mr. Wilkins Warren of Amelia is in the city visiting his aunt, Mrs. Clara Monroe.

Baptizing at Sixth St. Zion Sunday morning by Rev. A. S. Thomas.

MAGNO UNO.

St. Luke Brevities.

Mrs. Jane Miller, of Hannah's Council, 123, and a member of the Past Officers Council, No. 3, I. O. of St. Luke, was buried Tuesday from the Ebenezer Church.

Mrs. Sarah Scott, of Hannah's Council, 123, is sick at her residence.

Mrs. Ella Forester, of America Council, 148, is very sick.

Mrs. Frances Brice, deputy of Good Idea, No. 16, is sick at Taylorsville, Va.

St. Matthew met Tuesday, July 4th. The election of officers was postponed until the next regular meeting.

Hot weather is telling on the meetings this month.

Mrs. Lillian Morton, of Indiana, No. 134, has left the city for the summer.

Mrs. Anna R. Funn is acting secretary until she returns.

Mrs. Lillie Winston, of Pond Lily, 147, is slowly improving.

Matron Board met last Friday. They had a lively meeting.

Lentha Hudson, of Viola Circle, No. 2 little daughter of Mary and Walter Hudson, 607 1/2 N. 7th St., is sick.

Little Alma Miller, of Forget Me Not Circle, No. 8, is out of the city for the summer.

The R. W. G. Council will meet at Hinton, Va., 3d Tuesday in August and the subordinate councils are all electing delegates.

BURY-BODY.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me to announce to my brethren and friends that on Tuesday last, July 27th, I left for Washington to attend a council for ordination, held at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. George W. Lee, D. D., pastor.

On Thursday 11:30 A. M., the council met, and after a rigid examination the council decided that I was a fit subject for ordination. After this an enjoyable dinner was prepared by the sisters of the church. All ate heartily and enjoyed themselves, hoping soon to have another ordination council.

The hour having arrived for services, we retired up-stairs to continue the same, which was opened with singing, "Go Preach My Gospel," by Rev. Lucas; reading of Scripture by Rev. W. H. Brooks, D. D.; prayer by Rev. Lovings; then singing.

The sermon by Rev. R. Johnson, M. D., was indeed an instructive one. Laying on of hands; prayer by Rev. J. I. Lovings; hand of fellowship, by Rev. Dr. Lee; charges, Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, D. D.; presentation of the Bible, Rev. Robinson; benediction.

Now, I have on the whole arm of the Christian ministry. All are invited to my field of labor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mayo St., between Broad and Ross.

I, Rev. E. Dequincy Tartt, desire the prayers and assistance of my brother ministers.

Rev. E. DEQUINCY TARTT.

A BRILLIANT MARRIAGE.

A Happy Fourth.

The marriage of Mr. George Stewart and Miss Amanda Branch, took place in the city of Richmond, July 4th at the bride's cousin's, Mrs. Rebecca Banks, 1018 North 22nd St. Rev. T. B. Banks performed the ceremony. After a short repast with their relatives and friends, they left for their new home in Chesterfield Co., Va., where they will remain.

We wish them a happy success and a long life.

GRANTON—AYTES.—On Wednesday night, June 28th, at 9 o'clock Miss Mary Ayles and Mr. Henry Granton were quietly married in the parlors of Rev. K. Wells. It was a surprise to the community. The bride is well known throughout the city and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Ayles of 208 1/2 W. Baker St.

BLAND—HARRIS.—The marriage of Miss Helen Harris to Mr. John B. Bland took place at 519 E. Baker St., Thursday, June 23, 1899, at 9 P. M. Rev. J. H. Holmes officiated. The couple is residing at 538 1/2 N. 6th St.

WHITE MAN'S CRIME.

FOX HILL CITIZEN NOW IN THE TOILS.

He Assaulted His Daughter.
Wm. D. Burge, Ex-Magistrate

Confronts His Seventeen Year Old Daughter.

[Phoenix, Va., Sentinel.]

The Sentinel has been compelled to mention a number of crimes during its short career, but for hideousness and evidence of downright inhumanity the crime for which William Burge, ex-magistrate of Fox Hill is now in jail is without a parallel, and we can only hope that a mistake has been made and that Burge will clear himself of the accusation in the eyes of the people as well as in the eyes of the law.

BURGE ARRESTED.

Mr. Burge was arrested by Officer Joe Mastin on Mallory St., in Phoenix, while on his route peddling the produce of his farm, on a warrant sworn out by Sheriff Curtis, on complaint of his son, Mr. Ben Burge, a young man highly respected in Hampton. When arrested, he did not express any surprise, but wanted to know if the county would pay him for the time lost while in jail. He did not ask what he was charged with, and evidenced no surprise. When carried to jail he sent for Attorney F. S. Collier, saying he wanted to make his will, and then asked for some laudanum.

AT THE COURT HOUSE.

Burge had a hearing before Justice Forness at the Court House Thursday morning, when he was confronted by his daughter, Miss Ida Burge. The girl, who is quite pretty, told her story and a pitiful story it was, in a straightforward way, and as she told of her own father's inhuman treatment she almost broke down.

THE GIRL TESTIFIES.

From her account her father has been intimate with her since the first of January, committing his crime under threat of punishment, and since then the girl's life has been a hell on earth.

Burge is fifty-five years old and father of a large family, all of whom are honorable and highly respected by their neighbors. The blow to the family is a terrible one and they have the sympathy of all their friends.

Fox Hill is one of the quietest and most orderly places in Virginia and the report of the arrest of Burge has stirred the citizens of the place as they have never been aroused before.

The case will likely be heard at this term of the county court, and the Austin case will sink into insignificance before this.

Entertained Their Guest.

Last Tuesday night Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Burrell informally entertained several friends at tea at their home on North St. John St. Among the guests were Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Benson, Mrs. John H. Braxton, Misses Annie Johnson and M. E. Burrell, Messrs. Benj. Smith, G. E. Taylor and John Mabrey.

On Monday night the Misses Harpers in W. Leigh St., entertained Miss Oorona Campbell and Miss Fontan of Staunton, Va., and Parkersburg, W. Va., respectively at a magnificent musical.

Is Marriage a Failure?

Rev. R. Beecher Taylor lectured to an enthusiastic audience Monday night at the 5th Baptist Church on the subject, "Is marriage a failure?" The speaker gave the closest attention.

At times the audience was filled with laughter at the predicament of some married people; again they were in the atmosphere of calm thought as the speaker told of the conduct in married life that makes it a failure.

The final decision was that "marriage of itself was not a failure," but the lack of a knowledge of its requirements was the cause of its sorrows and destruction. The audience seemed much delighted with the entertainment.

The Mozart Musical Club rendered some of their choicest selections. Miss Fannie Fox, the organist and leading soprano possesses a sweet voice of much power and under excellent control. The entertainment was under the Ladies Aid Society, Mrs. Mary Randolph, Pres.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Bible Reading and Physical Culture Class taught by Misses Grace D. Land and Irene Fields closed last Friday, which was a very excellent showing of a good year's work by these ladies.

The boys took an active part in the Bible Study last Sunday and were addressed by International Secretary, J. E. Mooreland.

The men were addressed by Brother

James Early last Sunday, who gave some very interesting facts. Subject, "Activity is not always Energy."

Meeting in the jail Sunday, 11 A. M. Boys' meeting Sunday 4 P. M. Men's meeting Sunday 5:30 P. M.

Opened to all men. Subject, "A True Christian is a Puzzle." Music by Director C. O. Williams. We were glad to have International Secretary, J. E. Mooreland with us last Sunday. His remarks to us were very encouraging.

GONE TO REST.

Died in New York Monday, June 26, 1899, Mrs. Mary Winfree Titus. She leaves a husband, one child, a brother and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Farewell, dear Mary, thy weary task is o'er, Thy battle day is past, And now upon thy father's shore Thou hast landed at last.

Farewell, dear Mary, no more thy face we'll see, Farewell, a little time and we Who knew thee well and loved thee here, One after one will follow thee.

LULA A. B. GUTHRIE.

MRS. MOSELEY PASSED AWAY.

Died Tuesday, June 27, at 1 o'clock at the residence of her sister, 2009 W. Clay St., Mrs. Jane Moseley after an illness of 8 weeks, which she bore with Christian patience. The funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church Wednesday, June 28, 5 o'clock.

Thus hath death borne away a dear grand-ma: But, O Lord, help us not to sorrow as Who have no hope, for we know that Who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him to let us comfort one another with These words and cherish the blessed Assurance of a happy re-union beyond the grave.

Her Grand Daughters, (Mrs.) S. A. RICHARDSON, (Mrs.) W. E. WALLER.

A BRILLIANT WEDDING.

Moses-Trent.

On Wednesday evening, June 28th, at Oak Grove, Cumberland, Va., at the lovely residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Trent, Rev. W. H. Moses, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Staunton, Va., led to the hymenal altar their handsome and accomplished daughter, Miss Julia Leslie Trent.

Pastoral floral decorations distributed in the spacious rooms and halls added beauty to this impressive scene and by 9 P. M. a large party of friends and relatives had assembled to witness the ceremony. At that hour, the march played by Miss Mary Pickett of Farmville announced the advance of the bridal party, led by Miss Lucy A. Trent, the bride's sister with Mr. S. A. Moses, of Richmond, brother of the groom, followed in order by the groom, who was attended by Miss Oscar Conway of Richmond, and lastly, the bride leaning upon the arm of her brother, Mr. W. J. Trent of Philadelphia.

The bridal party assembled under a beautiful floral arch and there in a most impressive manner, Rev. W. T. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Danville, performed the rite that united the destinies of two lives.

The bride's costume was a beautiful one of white-silk brocade and chiffon with pearl trimmings, tulle veil and orange blossoms; while the bridesmaids were charmingly attired in white organdie. The groom wore the conventional black.

An elegant reception followed the ceremony, when Rev. and Mrs. Moses received the congratulations of their many friends. They left on Thursday afternoon for Staunton where they were royally entertained by the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Numerous, handsome and useful presents attest the popularity of the young couple.

Brilliant Marriage in Manchester.

The marriage of Miss Mary F. Harris to Mr. Joseph Holmes took place on Thursday night, the 29th inst., at 9:30 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents, No. 2203 Hull St. The affair was a brilliant one. The residence was beautifully lighted. The spacious parlor, which was the centre of attention, was handsomely decorated and packed to its utmost capacity. Standing room was much in want in all parts of the house. The bride wore a beautiful and costly costume and the groom wore the conventional black.

The bride's maids and ushers were: Miss M. V. Howlett, Miss Lelia Howlett, Miss Mason, of Philadelphia, Miss Malinda Harris; Mr. A. D. Moon, Mr. Frank Scott and Mr. George Robinson. Refreshments were plentifully served, and it was in the small hours of morn when the guests departed, leaving their best wishes and bright hopes of a long life for the happy couple.

Dr. A. Bings, Jr., performed the ceremony in his usual dignified manner.

WEST END NOTES.

EXCELLENT CHURCH WORK.

MANY PEOPLE ENJOY THE 4TH.

Personals and Briefs.

Supt. M. G. Lewis has nicely re-arranged and organized all the classes in his school, and appointed several new teachers. The school shows signs of increase in teachers, scholars and efficiency.

The Sunday School Union held its monthly ex-recess with the Moore St. Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. The exercises were very good. Many of the speeches, recitations, essays and solos were of a high order.

Miss Florence M. Jackson, a popular public school teacher, 1501 Taylor St., left for New York last Tuesday afternoon to spend the summer with relatives and friends.

The Graham-Mitchell letters in the Planet last week are the topic of much discussion.

Mrs. Rev. Paul Ballou's brother and wife of Washington, spent the 4th at their residence, 801 William St. After visiting friends and places of interest, they left on the 10 o'clock train, O. & O., for their home.

Mrs. Annie Crowder is visiting relatives and friends in Petersburg, Va.

Rev. Sherwood preached a most eloquent sermon last Sunday afternoon at 5th Church.

Cupid is getting in some excellent work. A former public school teacher and two choir songsters are planning to be led to the hymenal altar very soon. One of the ladies we cannot place yet. They are all popular. Don't forget to let your friends know through the Planet.

AXIAL

\$150 00 PAID.

PORTSMOUTH, VA., July 3d, 1899

This is to certify that I have received from John Mitchell, Jr., Grand Chancellor of Grand Lodge of Va., One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, (\$150 00) in payment of death claim of Sir John Henry Moss, who was a member of Rescue Lodge, No. 4, Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E. A., A. & A. —

Witnesses: RICHARD P. MESS, Administrator; G. L. Paige, John Hodges, Wm. M. Reid.

To The Peoples' Relief Association.

I hereby acknowledge the prompt payment of the death claim on my wife Rosa Washington, on Gospel Hill, Charlottesville, Va.

Representative Elks.

On Sunday, June 25, 1899, Dr. C. B. Jackson, Exalted Ruler, Eureka Lodge No. 5, I. B. and P. of Elks, of the World, of Norfolk, Va., in company with Mrs. J. C. Brinkley, Wm. A. Noel, and Rev. J. B. Butler, the esteemed Lecturing Knight visited Richmond in the interest of the Order.

On last Wednesday Dr. C. B. Jackson and Rev. J. B. Butler were again in the city, the guest of E. W. Brown, Esq.

EXCURSION—PICNIC.

First Baptist Sunday School, to Mt. Pleasant, Tuesday, July 11th.

The First Baptist Sunday School will give their annual excursion-picnic to Mt. Pleasant. Members of the school, church and friends are respectfully invited to go with us.

Train leaves Richmond at 9 A. M. Returning leaves Mt. Pleasant at 6:30 P. M.

Fare for round trip, 40 cts. Children, 25 cts.

Committee of Arrangements: Rev. R. B. Beecher Taylor, chairman; Rev. W. A. Mitchell, secretary; Wallace Taylor, treasurer; J. H. Burke, Jefferson Johnson, J. H. Harper, C. H. Johnson, H. G. Carter, W. H. Tharp, Miss Rosa B. Brooks, Miss Hattie Dabney, Mrs. L. A. Hope, Miss Nannie Osborne, Miss Ida Jones.

W. T. WHITE, Supt.

Baptizing in Zion.

Rev. A. S. Thomas will preach at the 8th Mt. Zion Baptist Church tomorrow at 11 A. M., and also baptize candidates for that church and the church of which he is pastor—the Sharon Baptist.

WANTED 100 COOKS and General Workers for this and Northern cities. Transportation furnished.